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SUBJ: ARMY OFFICER AND DAUGHTER KILLED

1. CURRENT ERP ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMY RESULTED IN DEATH OF TENTH OFFICER ON DEC 1 IN TUCUMAN. MAJOR HUMBERTO VIOLA AND HIS THREE-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WERE BOTH CUT DOWN BY HAIL OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ANOTHER DAUGHTER OF FIVE YEARS WAS GAVELY INJURED DURING ATTACK, AND ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS HAD DIED. IN THEIR ENSUING SEARCH FOR TERRORISTS, TUCUMAN POLICE ARRESTED 500 PEOPLE MOST OF WHOM WERE RELEASED AFTER BEING CLEARED OF SUSPICION.

2. SANTA FE POLICE ANNOUNCED ARREST OF FIVE PEOPLE ON DEC 2 WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDERS OF TWO ARMY OFFICERS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THAT CITY.

3. COMMENT: SHOCK AND INDIGNATION HAVE FOLLOWED THIS MURDER AS IN PREVIOUS NINE ASSASSINATIONS. DEATH OF VIOLA'S DAUGHTER HAS GREATLY INCREASED INDIGNATION. ACCORDING TO DAO SOURCES, PRESSURE FOR ACTION, ESPECIALLY AMONG JUNIOR AND MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS, IS INTENSE. ACTION SPOKEN OF, RATHER THAN A "GOLPE", IS REMOVAL OF HIGH ARMY OFFICERS, OR A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ANTI-GUERRILLA STRUGGLE. EVEN RECENT SUCCESSES AGAINST TERRORISTS SEAMS TO DO LITTLE TO REDUCE THIS PRESSURE. DEATH
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OF THREE-YEAR OLD CALLS TO MIND WORDS OF SENATOR PAZ TO AMB

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HILL (BA 7979) TO THE EFFECT THAT FIRST DEPENDENT KILLED WOULD
CAUSE WORD TO BE PASSED THAT FAMILIES OF ERP MEMBERS WOULD NO
LONGER RECEIVE POLICE PROTECTION.
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